



Minutes  
Redondo Beach City Council  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
Closed Session - Adjourned Regular Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Open Session – Adjourned Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

## **4:30 PM - CLOSED SESSION – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Melissa Villa, Analyst

### **C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG - NONE**

### **D. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

Analyst Villa announced there were no Blue Folder Items for Closed Session.

### **E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Analyst Villa reported there were no public comments received on Closed Session and Non-Agenda Items.

### **F. RECESS TO CLOSED – 4:33 p.m.**

Analyst Villa read title to the items to be considered in Closed Session.

City Manager Witzansky announced that the following would be participating in Closed Session: City Manager Mike Witzansky, City Attorney Mike Webb, Assistant City Attorney Cheryl Park, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Outside Labor Negotiator Laura Kalty, Deputy Community Services Director Kelly Orta, Interim Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause and Outside Counsel Jon Welner.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to recess to Closed Session at 4:33 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.

- F.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Cameron Harding, Community Services Director**

**PROPERTY:**

**309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Made by Meg - Meg Walker**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Both Price and Terms**

- F.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Diane Strickfaden, Director of Human Resources**

**EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Redondo Beach Firefighters Association**

- F.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC and Leonid Pustilnikov v. City of Redondo Beach and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach**

**Case Number: 22TRCP00203**

- F.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**City of Redondo Beach, et al. v. California State Water Resources Control Board**

**Case Number: 20STCP03193**

- F.5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**New Commune DTLA, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, et al.**

**Case Number: 23STCP00426**

- F.6. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**New Commune DTLA LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive**

**Case Number: 23STCV10146**

- F.7. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**9300 Wilshire, LLC v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive**

**Case Number: 23STCP02189**

- F.8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**In re 9300 Wilshire LLC**

**Bankruptcy C.D. Cal. Case Number: 2:23-bk-10918-ER**

- F.9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION - The Closed Session is authorized by the attorney-client privilege, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).**

**Name of case:**

**Yes in My Back Yard, a California nonprofit corporation; SONJA TRAUSS, an individual v. City of Redondo Beach; City Council of the City of Redondo Beach; City of Redondo Beach Department of Community Development, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive**

**Case Number: 23TRCP00325**

**F. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Light reconvened to from Closed Session to Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

**G. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk  
Mike Webb, City Attorney  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

City Manager Witzansky reported that City Council will return to Closed Session after the open meeting to discuss Items R.1 and R.2.

City Attorney Webb reported that on Item No. F.8, AES Redondo has indicated that it “plans to submit a straightforward and confirmable plan that will dispose of the former powerplant site in Redondo Beach. AES will be able to submit its plan on August 21, 2024 or possibly earlier.” In light of these imminent developments, the City Council directs staff to move forward, expeditiously, to negotiate with AES for the potential acquisition of the powerplant site at 1100 N. Harbor Drive, should AES regain possession of the property through foreclosure, bankruptcy proceedings or otherwise.

**I. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Nehrenheim, and approved by voice vote, to recess to the Regular City Council meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**6:00 PM - OPEN SESSION – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach City Council was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Light in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi, Mayor Light

Officials Present: Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk  
Mike Webb, City Attorney  
Mike Witzansky, City Manager  
Lucie Colombo, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Light invited Veterans to stand and recognized them for their service.

Riley, 5th Grade Student, St. James Catholic School, led in the salute to the flag.

Mayor Light called for a moment of silence.

**D. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**D.1. PRESENTATION BY CONGRESSMAN TED LIEU’S OFFICE OF PRESIDENT BIDEN’S CONDOLENCE LETTER TO THE LATE MAYOR BILL BRAND’S FAMILY**

Mayor Light announced this item will be moved to another meeting, as Mrs. Brand was unable to attend this evening.

**PRESENTATION OF CITY PLAQUE TO DOUG NIELSEN, IMAGERY VIDEO PRODUCTION, IN APPRECIATION OF 35 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mayor Light announced Doug Nielsen has been working with the City for the last 35 years; noted that tonight will be his last City Council meeting and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his work with the City.

Doug Nielsen expressed his appreciation for the plaque.

Mayor Light continued to Agenda Item No. G, Blue Folder Items.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about the recent District 1 online community meeting and thanked residents for participating.

Councilmember Loewenstein spoke about attending the Opening Day of the Port Royal Yacht Club and announced the District 2 meeting for April will be on Thursday, April 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Councilmember Kaluderovic announced the District 3 community meeting will be on April 27th at 9:00 a.m. at Dominguez Park as well as the Redondo Beach Birthday Celebration, after the meeting and an online meeting on April 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Councilmember Obagi announced that transitional kindergarten signups are occurring for children born between September 2019 and June 2020; spoke about the upcoming Springfest event at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center; reported on an upcoming

meeting on May 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. with Breakwater Village residents and stated the District 4 community will be on May 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Perry Park Senior Center.

Councilmember Behrendt announced the District 5 community meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center.

Mayor Light spoke about Earth Day at Wilderness Park and announced the State of the City Address on May 9, 2024.

Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item No. H, Consent Calendar.

## **E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

City Manager Witzansky reported that Agenda Item No. P.1 will be continued to the first meeting in May.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to approve the order of the agenda, as amended, continuing Agenda Item No. P.1 to the first meeting in May.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Light returned to Agenda Item No. D, Announcements.

## **F. AGENCY RECESS – None**

## **G. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

### **G.1 For Blue Folder Documents Approved at the City Council Meeting**

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported Blue Folder Items include materials for Agenda Item H.3 relative to a correction to the minutes of February 6, 2024 and public communication under Agenda Item No. J.1.

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Blue Folder Items.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Light returned to Agenda Item No. E, Approve Order Of Agenda.

## **H. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **H.1. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2024**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

- H.2. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

- H.3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:**  
**A. FEBRUARY 6, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**B. FEBRUARY 13, 2024 ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING**  
**C. FEBRUARY 20, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

- H.4. EXCUSED ABSENCES FROM VARIOUS COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**CONTACT: ELEANOR MANZANO, CITY CLERK**

- H.5. ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC- 2404-030, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT TO CSI SERVICES, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,249,100 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARDWALK SURFACE REPAIR PROJECT, JOB NO. 70810**

**ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2404-029, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO REALLOCATE \$518,600 IN UPLAND FUNDS, FROM THE PIER PARKING STRUCTURE SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, JOB NO. 70840 TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOARDWALK SURFACE REPAIR PROJECT, JOB NO. 70810**

**CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

- H.6. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO INITIATE THE PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS REQUIRED TO CONSIDER PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE RATES AND FEES BEGINNING IN FY 2024-25; AND FOR FUTURE ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS USING SPECIFIC FORMULAS LISTED IN THE AGREEMENT WITH ATHENS SERVICES SET JUNE 18, 2024 AS THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SOLID WASTE REFUSE COLLECTION RATES AND THE TABULATION OF ALL PROTESTS RECEIVED**

**CONTACT: ANDREW WINJE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

- H.7. RECEIVE AND FILE MEMOS FROM TIERRA WEST ADVISORS REGARDING THEIR ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S**

**CANNABIS REGULATORY ORDINANCES AND DRAFT CANNABIS PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS**

**CONTACT:** ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

**H.8. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE TWELVE-MONTH STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 30, 2023**

**CONTACT:** MIKE WITZANSKY, CITY MANAGER

Councilmember Obagi confirmed with the City Clerk that the Blue Folder corrections to Consent Calendar Item No. H.3., the minutes of February 6, 2024, were included.

Mayor Light invited public comments on this item.

Joan Irvine, District 1, spoke regarding Item No. H.7; reported the applicant will already have the property; talked about delays causing losses of tax revenue and job creation; mentioned deliveries, sensitive use areas and establishing reasonable policies and asked City Council not to overregulate the cannabis industry.

Jonatan Cvetko, District 1, spoke about his work lobbying for cannabis in Sacramento; reported that the cannabis industry is \$750 million in arrears in taxes; felt that Proposition 64 was a complete failure and reported that the Cannabis Advisory Committee has yet to see the recommendations made on the selection process be presented to City Council and asked for an opportunity to do so.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as amended.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read titles to Resolution No. CC-2404-030 and Resolution No. CC-2404-029.

Councilmember Obagi left the Chambers at 6:34 p.m. and returned at 6:35 p.m.

**I. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None**

**J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**J.1 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public**

John Perchulyn talked about the need for truck enforcement efforts on Prospect and Palos Verdes Blvd.; noted many tractor trailers are driving through neighborhoods and hoped the City will get the additional support it needs to address this matter.

Joan Irvine, District 1, submitted documents to the City Clerk for Council's review.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file documents submitted by Joan Irvine.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Joan Irvine, District 1, talked about the importance of cannabis education; discussed sugar as the most addictive substance there is; noted cancer feeds on sugar and urged residents to listen to her radio show on [healthylife.net](http://healthylife.net).

Wayne Craig, District 1, spoke about consideration of the Rbfd and the possibility of changing to the L.A. County Fire Department; commented on \$35 million needed to replace two dilapidated Fire Stations; noted the need to increase wages for first responders and urged residents to support the Fire Department and its First Responders.

Holly Osborne, District 5, explained the "hybrid ROW" option in the Metro C-Line Extension project; reported that it will be Metro's recommendation and noted it is the trench configuration, but it is not trenched.

Niki Negrete-Mitchell, District 3, spoke about the Metro C-Line Extension project; addressed the most-recent Metro Board meeting; stated that trenching under 170th and 182nd only mitigates emergency response disruptions; discussed other significant unmitigable negative impacts and urged City Council to insist that Metro take the proactive approach on safety for this project and addressed Torrance's Transit Advocate Community noting they are invading Redondo Beach Zoom meetings and assaulting with a disgusting, pornographic video with a comment of, "That's Niki".

Kevin Mitchell, District 3, thanked Councilmembers Obagi and Kaluderovic for attending the recent Metro Board meeting; talked about the new Metro-preferred alternative; questioned why liquid petroleum gas freight was not discussed in the DEIR; opined that Metro is avoiding the issue and noted no other similar configuration exists within the Metro training system.

Desiree Galassi reported that the California Office of Historic Preservation does not support combining the Preservation Commission with Planning; suggested merging the Library and Historical Commissions with the Public Arts Commission and change the scope and the name to the Cultural Affairs Commission and envisioned the community as a city of vibrant art.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor Boater, talked about the Opening Day ceremonies for the Port Royal Yacht Club and King Harbor Yacht Club; thanked Mayor Light and Councilmember Loewenstein for their participation and spoke about upcoming events.

Councilmember Kaluderovic left the Chambers at 6:57 p.m. and returned at 6:58 p.m.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, talked about the Beach Cities Health District proposal for

improvements; hoped that the development will move forward, and that City staff will work with the developer to reach a compromise.

Rahir Brahni, District 3, urged City Council to be fiscally responsible and not spend \$.5 million on a firing range study and stated he fails to see any benefits to Redondo Beach citizens.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo reported receiving two eComments regarding this item.

There were no other public comments and Mayor Light closed this portion of the meeting.

Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item No. N.1.

**K. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**L. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**M. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS – None**

**N. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE HARBOR COMMISSION'S ROLE AND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING MATTERS**

**CONTACT: GREG KAPOVICH, WATERFRONT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Waterfront & Economic Development Director Kapovich introduced the item; addressed consideration by both the Planning and Harbor Commissions and deferred to staff for a report.

Waterfront & Economic Development Analyst Iwasaki narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report.

City Manager Witzansky added that the matter is not time-sensitive and that it was included as a strategic plan item.

Mayor Light reported this is something that Former Mayor Brand advocated and provided a brief background of the item.

Councilmember Behrendt expressed concerns that the Harbor Commission has a lot on its plate, already; reported the Commission with the most expertise and experience to address issues such as CUPs, parking, traffic circulation, etc., is the Planning Commission; asserted that the Harbor Commission does not have experience with those sorts of issues and felt the Planning Commission is tasked with being a holistic entity with respect to zoning physical development and planning of the entire City and noted he is not inclined to support the item.

Mayor Light stated the Harbor Commission works on non-residential buildings, planning and circulation; spoke about the revitalization of the California Surf Club as an example; addressed the Catalina Village fiasco where the Planning Commission approved something that violated the City's LCP and asserted that integrating the waterfront will be more effective and efficient and lead to better projects.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about past discussions regarding creating a comprehensive plan and a holistic view of the harbor; addressed the AES site; reported the Harbor Commission deals with leases, with traffic flows and patterns of specialized vehicle uses, events, parking issues and sea level rise; felt it is integral to create consistencies across the board and to include the AES site including the bluff and mentioned it is important to have the area under the Harbor Commission's purview to create less chaos in the future and a more cohesive vision for residents, moving forward. Additionally, he reported that the underlying zoning will be kept at the Planning Commission level.

Councilmember Loewenstein agreed with Councilmember Nehrenheim; stated the development of the coast does not stop at the water; mentioned the Coastal Commission; spoke about unique circumstances within the AES property that tie it to the rest of the harbor and felt Czuleger Park and Veterans Park should remain under the Planning Commission's purview.

Mayor Light invited public comments on this item.

Byung Cho voiced agreement with Councilmember Behrendt's comments; spoke about his love of the City and suggested that rather than bifurcating between the Planning and Harbor Commissions, ensure that they are both working together for the benefit of the City and the Waterfront.

Mark Hansen, King Harbor Boater, read a written statement in support of the item; asserted that the Harbor Commission is well-versed in the dynamics of the harbor area, and could address, and holistically assess the impacts of future plan developments, ensuring a cohesive, integrated approach to development in and around the harbor area and recommended that the area of responsibility for the Harbor Commission include the approval of CUPs. Additionally, he commented on the Harbor Commission's work relative to traffic and circulation.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, asked how this would affect AES and the current owners.

Mayor Light stated it would affect any projects that would come forward, on that property.

Rolf Strutzenberg, District 1, spoke about his experience as a former Planning Commissioner; noted both bodies have seven members whose decisions are appealable to City Council; felt the expertise in the area webs and flows; addressed the makeup of the members; saw the item as sharing the workload and agreed with Councilmember Loewenstein's comments.

Mayor Light stated that in terms of the Center Cal project, the Harbor Commission has

more experience with traffic circulation, on big projects, than the Planning Commission; spoke about it being better for one commission versus two, to adjudicate across a broader land area; discussed the workload of both and expressed disappointment some do not support the item for an area that will be the hottest focus over the next five to ten years.

Councilmember Obagi invited Planning Commissioner Wayne Craig to the podium.

Wayne Craig, District 1, spoke as an individual; noted waterfront issues were addressed, piecemeal; talked about the Planning Commission having little experience regarding what to do with the AES site; discussed bifurcating CUPs and CDPs and felt it makes sense for the Harbor Commission to have jurisdiction over the expanded area.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Obagi spoke about the Catalina Village incident noting the Planning Commission did not have the advice of legal counsel; addressed the view over the AES powerplant and the effect of installing a dry-boat storage in the area; pointed out how people have been appointed to the Harbor Commission without harbor experience; noted each Commissioner takes their duties seriously and suggested that any CDP or CUP in the red zone, goes first to the Harbor Commission for an advisory opinion to the Planning Commission, with the Planning Commission making the ultimate determination.

Councilmember Behrendt felt that was a fair compromise.

Mayor Light disagreed; mentioned a dry-boat storage versus the AES powerplant and impacts to views; felt it will introduce bureaucracy that does not need to be there; pointed out that the Planning Commission has agreed to the jurisdiction change except for the two parks, and to split CUPs and CDPs.

Councilmember Nehrenheim commented on past history relative to the need for new blood in Commissions and City Council; noted the Planning Commission has little experience, unlike the Harbor Commission who has substantial experience, when it comes to the Coastal Commission and jurisdictional boundaries; agreed that splitting up the CUPs does not make sense and reported the water for Seaside Lagoon comes from the AES powerplant site.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein, to approve the expansion of the Harbor Commission's jurisdiction as shown in the map within the Administrative Report depicted by a red boundary line, to not bifurcate CUPs, and to exclude Czuleger Park and Veterans Park.

Councilmember Obagi reported the Harbor Commission is scheduled to meet May 13, 2024 and the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet May 16, 2024; stated the item is ready to be presented to the Planning Commission and suggested that staff present it to the Harbor Commission so that it can offer its written or oral opinion on the things that need to be considered or addressed by the Planning Commission so that the Harbor Commission can thereby impart its infinite wisdom on the waterfront, to the Planning Commission. Additionally, he talked about change occurring slowly in the City,

asserted it will not slow down the process since it will be considered by the Planning Commission at its next meeting. It will just be reviewed by the Harbor Commission for input, first.

Mayor Light disagreed and claimed that would bifurcate the effort, add unnecessary bureaucracy to the process, and would delay the project; reported that when the Harbor Commission is ready to approve the boat ramp or the Seaside Lagoon or any other development down there, where there is overflow into AES, the City will need to wait for approval which will require a hearing, prolonging the process and will add ridiculous bureaucracy for nothing.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, that in the red box area, not the parks, the decisions contemplated be assigned to the Harbor Commission, that it will have recommendation or advisory authority during its Commission meeting before the Planning Commission for those decisions, if the project falls within that red area and then we revisit this in one year for any adjustments to that authority.

A friendly amendment was offered by Councilmember Kaluderovic to not limit revisiting the issue to one year and bring back to the City Council as needed.

Councilmember Obagi withdrew the portion requested by Councilmember Kaluderovic from his motion, and he restated the Substitute motion as follows:

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Behrendt, that in the red box area, not the parks, the decisions contemplated be assigned to the Harbor Commission, that it will have recommendation or advisory authority during its Commission meeting before the Planning Commission for those decisions, if the project falls within that red area.

Councilmember Loewenstein compared that to saying the Planning Commission should be an expert on things that are Coastal Commission related; talked about the Coastal Zone being unique and noted these are small areas, contiguous to the harbor and asserted the Harbor Commission is best suited to help decide on things that are waterfront and coastal dependent.

Councilmember Kaluderovic noted this item is not time-sensitive and stated she is not ready to make the change at this time.

Councilmember Obagi addressed the current zoning of the AES site; mentioned the Planning Commission's concerns regarding the lack of open space in the City; opined they would be best suited to address zoning for that property and stated he would be willing to revisit the issue at a later time.

Councilmember Loewenstein mentioned a waterfront park; noted neither of the areas are under the scope of the possibility of development and spoke about the importance of having contiguous oversight.

Mayor Light spoke about the Harbor Commission's concerns regarding the lack of open space and felt that Former Mayor Brand wanted an integrated approach.

The Substitute motion carried, 3-2, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Obagi  
NOES: Loewenstein, Nehrenheim  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Light reported he will not veto the decision but expressed disappointment regarding the City Council's decision.

City Manager Witzansky stated that this is a policy direction and staff would need to return to formalize the advisory role.

## **N.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE UNLAWFUL CAMPING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, CHAPTER 34 OF THE REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE**

**CONTACT:** MICHAEL W. WEBB, CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Webb narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the unlawful camping ordinance provisions of Title 4, Chapter 34 of the Redondo Beach Municipal Code. He recommended that City Council receive and file the report and stated he will bring it back to City Council in July after the U.S. Supreme Court has given its opinion on Grant Pass and Martin v. Boise.

Mayor Light left the Chambers at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.

Councilmember Loewenstein left the Chambers at 8:11 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

In response to Councilmember Obagi's question regarding the amicus brief and the best case scenario, City Attorney Webb reported the best case scenario that he added to the brief was the section about necessity and felt this is pre-filing, let alone pre-punishment or a defense of necessity.

Councilmember Nehrenheim spoke about past consideration and reported the recommendation then was to return with an ordinance for Veterans Park and the harbor and asked whether that matter will return before City Council.

City Attorney Webb stated it will probably not return until after this ruling; spoke about trying to reach functional zero and indicated in the past, it was a matter of timing and the other matters that were already going to the Coastal Commission.

Councilmember Kaluderovic left the Chambers at 8:25 p.m.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to direct the City Attorney to receive and file the report.

Motion carried, 4-0-1. Councilmember Kaluderovic was absent.

## **O. CITY MANAGER ITEM**

City Manager Witzansky commented on the amount of material the City is receiving regarding pickleball and asked to push that item for discussion in July.

Councilmember Kaluderovic returned to the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item No. P.2.

## **P. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS**

**P.1. This Item was continued to the first City Council meeting in May.**

**P.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS TO CELEBRATE AND COMMEMORATE THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY**

**CONTACT:** ELIZABETH HAUSE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant to the City Manager Hause presented details of the report.

Councilmember Loewenstein spoke favorably on the item and suggested getting other cities involved and making it a South Bay effort.

Councilmember Obagi spoke in support of the item and suggested raising the Juneteenth flag for one week, beginning on June 18th.

Councilmember Kaluderovic addressed the need to engage the community and suggested asking community groups for their input and suggested forming a committee to plan the event.

Mayor Light invited public comments.

Rahir Brahni, District 3, felt this is another frivolous expenditure; questioned what residents will gain out of it and expressed his opposition.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Councilmember Loewenstein spoke about the possibility of getting State funding if it were a united effort, across cities and suggested reaching out to the Supervisor and Assemblymember.

Councilmember Obagi addressed the symbolism of the flag.

Motion by Councilmember Loewenstein to direct staff to investigate possible grant funding from the State and County for this event and return to City Council no later than May 14, 2024.

Councilmember Kaluderovic suggested pushing the item to Fall to allow for proper and informed planning for next year.

City Manager Witzansky reported there is not much time to plan for an event this year; spoke about providing a BRR with a range of cost options in preparation for an event, next year.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Kaluderovic offered a friendly amendment to the motion to add non-profits as possible sponsors of the event next year.

Discussion followed regarding waiting on the flag concept until more information can be obtained, proceeding with a City Proclamation in honor of Juneteenth.

Motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Loewenstein and carried by voice vote, to direct staff to explore any State, Federal, and non-profit funding, as well as participation in coordinating a future event and presenting to the City Council anytime after the City budget.

A friendly amendment was offered by Councilmember Obagi to have a discussion between now and the beginning of June regarding a flag selection to fly the Juneteenth flag for a week. which was not accepted. There was additional discussion, with concerns about timing, work load, and the tiering of flying various flags.

The friendly amendment died for lack of a second.

Motion carried, 5-0.

#### **Q. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Councilmember Obagi requested an update on the BRR regarding the City's Traffic Enforcement crew.

#### **R. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 8:49 p.m.**

Mayor Light stated that the City Council will return to Closed Session.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Colombo read titles to Closed Session Items R.1 and R.2.

City Manager Mike Witzansky stated that he would be attending the Closed Session along with City Attorney Mike Webb, Human Resources Director Diane Strickfaden, Interim Community Services Director Elizabeth Hause and Interim Fire Chief Patrick Butler.

Before recessing to Closed Session, Mayor Light welcomed Marc Wiener, Community Development Director. Community Development Director Wiener came forward and introduced himself.

Prior to recessing to Closed Session, action was taken regarding Agenda Item T.1, per City Clerk Manzano's request. Mayor Light moved to Agenda Item T.1.

The City Council continued with recessing to Closed Session, after Agenda Item T.1.

Motion by Councilmember Nehrenheim, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and approved by voice vote, to recess to Closed Session at 8:49 p.m.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**R.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - The Closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Cameron Harding, Community Services Director**

**PROPERTY:**

**309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

**NEGOTIATING PARTIES:**

**Made by Meg - Meg Walker**

**UNDER NEGOTIATION:**

**Both Price and Terms**

**R.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR - The closed Session is authorized by the Government Code Sec. 54957.6.**

**AGENCY NEGOTIATOR:**

**Mike Witzansky, City Manager**

**Diane Strickfaden, Director of Human Resources**

**EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Redondo Beach Firefighters Association**

**S. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:15 p.m.**

Mayor Pro Tem Loewenstein reconvened the meeting from Closed Session to Open Session at approximately 10:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Behrendt, Kaluderovic, Loewenstein, Nehrenheim, Obagi

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Light

City Manager Witzansky announced there were no reportable items for the two Closed Session Agenda Items discussed.

**T. ADJOURNMENT – 10:07 p.m.**

**T.1. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONSTANTINE “TIKE” KARAVAS, LONG-TIME REDONDO BEACH RESIDENT AND CITY HISTORIAN**

Motion by Councilmember Obagi, seconded by Councilmember Kaluderovic, to hold in memory Constantine “Tike” Karavas, long-time Redondo Beach resident and City historian.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Light spoke kind words regarding Constantine Karavas and stated that he will be missed.

Councilmember Behrendt also spoke about Mr. Karavas and highlighted important life moments and stated that he had read that Redondo Beach was home regardless where he traveled.

The City Council moved to Agenda Item No. R, to continue with Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, motion by Councilmember Kaluderovic, seconded by Councilmember Obagi, and was approved by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m., to an Adjourned Regular meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. (Closed Session) and a Regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. (Open Session) on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, in memory of long-time Redondo Beach resident and City historian Constantine “Tike” Karavas.

Motion carried, 5-0.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted:

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Eleanor Manzano, CMC  
City Clerk